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Dear Mom and Dad,

This morning it is showering after three clear days with light frost in the morning and mild afternoons. Last year there were two snowstorms before this date. We don't have any performances to attend this weekend and it is a treat to be off from work four days in a row. The Thanksgiving dinner went very well and now we have a lot of frozen turkey. There is still some in the refrigerator which I will mix with avocado and a little chili powder to make a salad. Today I am making a pizza with black olives, capers, tomato sauce, and cheese.

Next Thursday I am going to a job interview at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria (just across the street from where I used to work at the Center for Naval Analyses). It's not that I am very unhappy with my present job but I am not entirely happy either and have nothing to lose by investigating other opportunities. The new place is non-profit and is paid to advise the Defense Department on how to spend its money. If we did move it would probably be back into the Watergate although Vickie is worried about the cat jumping off the balcony. I think if we prevented him from getting under the railing he would not jump up onto it since he can see there is nothing but space beyond. What do you think? In any case I have to deliver a one hour talk on Thursday so I am preparing that this weekend. It isn't any problem since the work I have been doing is very interesting to them and I know exactly what I am going to say.

I have enclosed a book I got from Scientific American for re-subscribing. I skimmed through it and thought you two and perhaps Mary might be interested in looking at it. Also there is a review of a book on BASIC programs for Dad to see.

Next Sunday we have a Baltimore Opera and the Sunday after that a Folger Theatre performance. Then we will look forward to our departure for London on Christmas evening.

Love,

Jim & Vickie